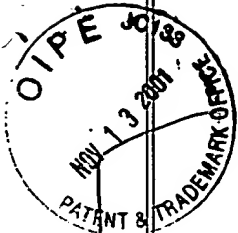


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1, 5, 9, 14, 15, 20, 21, 24 and 29 as follows:

1. (Amended) A resilient surface covering having improved wear and/or stain resistance comprising a wear layer, said wear layer comprising a radiation or electron beam curable urethane based acrylate and aluminum oxide, wherein said aluminum oxide has an average particle size of about 10 microns to about 70 microns and is present in an amount up to and including about 40% by weight of said wear layer.

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